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PORKER GETS THE CHOP IN THE BIG DECISION!

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CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean my circuits aren't choked by what's happening on the front cover (I always said I was a *unique* droid). Can Porker really be taking his final faltering steps as a freedom fighter? You'll just have to read the Sonic story, The Big Decision, to find out. Listen up 'cos here's what else is happening this issue ...

Knuckles faces trouble ahoy in the Ghost Ship! The Shining Force are up against more weird goings on as the Curse of Zeon continues, plus it's time for Tails to 'turn and burn' in part four of Fox on the Run. There's a Spikes Badnik Pin up for your walls and the Q Zone brings you hints and tips from the classic Ecco the Dolphin game.

No Boomer worth their weight in gold rings would pass up the next megaticious issue! *STC* 77 comes complete with **FREE** Button Covers (see the Next Issue page). Speaking of which, it's about time I buttoned up, so see you all in two weeks!

Megadroid

STREET CRED!

Back in issue 67, *STC* joined in the 35th Anniversary celebrations of the UK's best known street. The **Coronation Street Crimbo Compo** invited Boomers to name the Street's famous pub, which is of course, **The Rovers Return.**

The following 30 winners will each receive a much sought after Jack & Vera T-shirt (XL size only!):-

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David Yeoman, Lower Bagthorpe, Nottingham.

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3	RE	ECCO THE DOLPHIN
4	NEW	MASTER OF DARKNESS
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6	↑	OTTIFANT
7	↓	JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
8	↑	DESERT SPEED TRAP
9	RE	DESERT STRIKE
10	↓	SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GAME GEAR

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2	•	SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
3	RE	THE LION KING
4	↑	TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
5	RE	MORTAL KOMBAT 2
6	↓	CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
7	RE	SONIC CHAOS
8	↓	SONIC DRIFT RACING
9	RE	MICRO MACHINES 2
10	NEW	PRIMAL RAGE

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Big Decision

COMPLETE STORY

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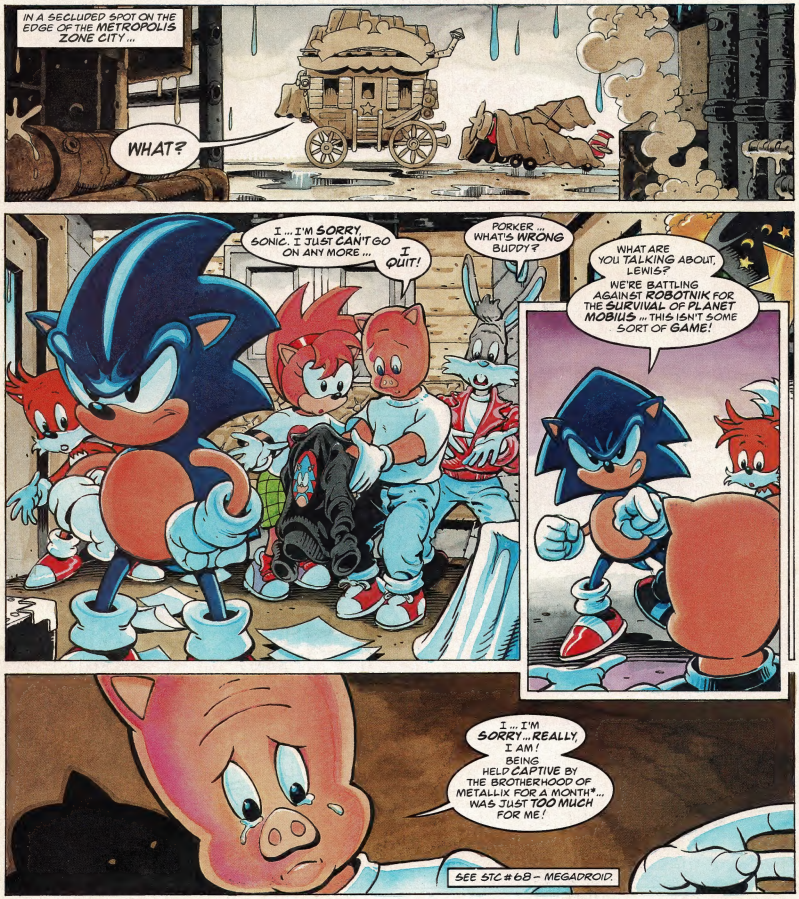
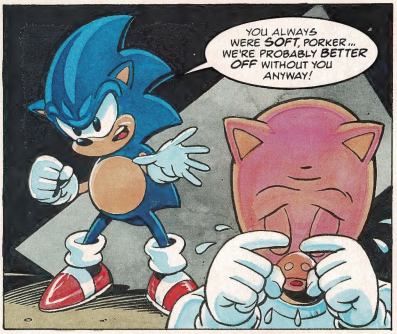
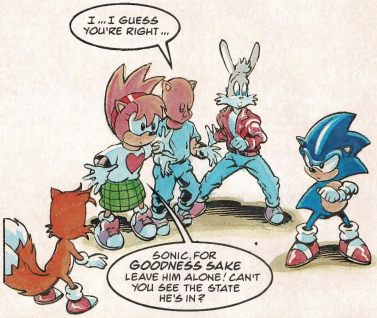
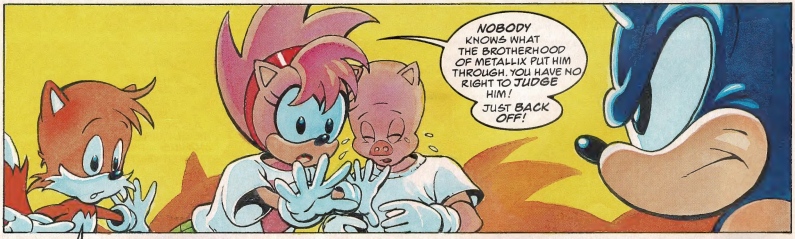

IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE EDGE OF THE METROPOLIS ZONE CITY...
WHAT?
I... I'M SORRY, SONIC. I JUST CAN'T GO ON ANY MORE...
I QUIT!
PORKER... WHAT'S WRONG BUDDY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, LEWIS? WE'RE BATTLING AGAINST ROBOTNIK FOR THE SURVIVAL OF PLANET MOBIUS... THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF GAME!
I... I'M SORRY... REALLY, I AM! BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX FOR A MONTH*... WAS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME!

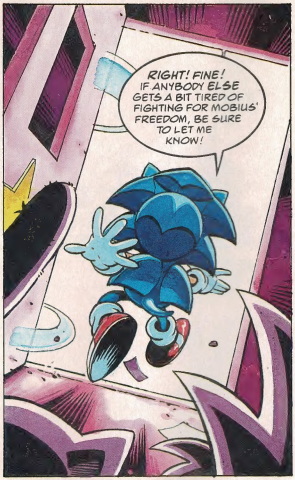
SEE STC #68 – MEGADROID.

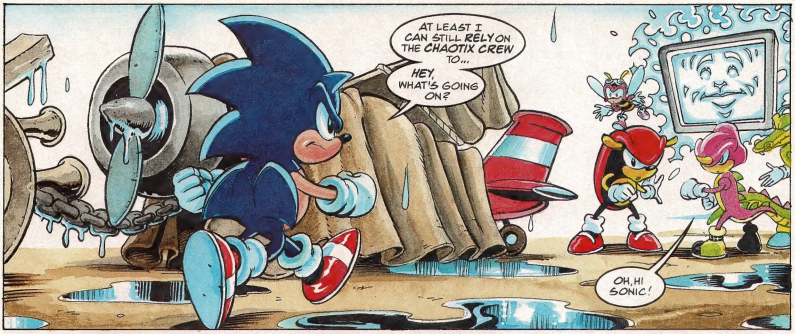

YOU ALWAYS WERE SOFT, PORKER... WE'RE PROBABLY BETTER OFF WITHOUT YOU ANYWAY!

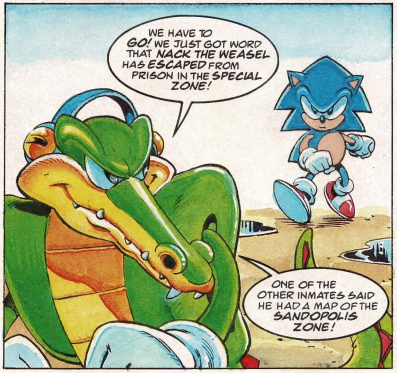

I... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
SONIC, FOR GOODNESS SAKE LEAVE HIM ALONE! CAN'T YOU SEE THE STATE HE'S IN?


NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF METALLIX PUT HIM THROUGH. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO JUDGE HIM!
JUST BACK OFF!

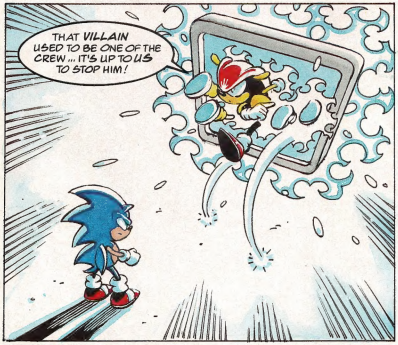
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO MEAN TO PORKER, SONIC!
WE KNOW YOU'RE NOT A COWARD, BUDDY.

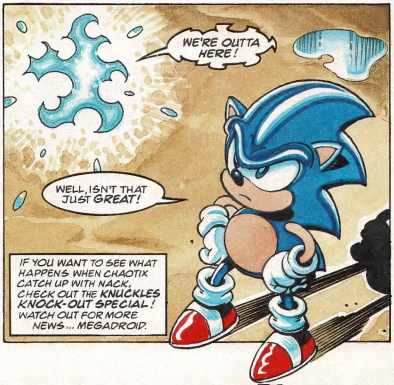

RIGHT! FINE! IF ANYBODY ELSE GETS A BIT TIRED OF FIGHTING FOR MOBIUS' FREEDOM, BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW!

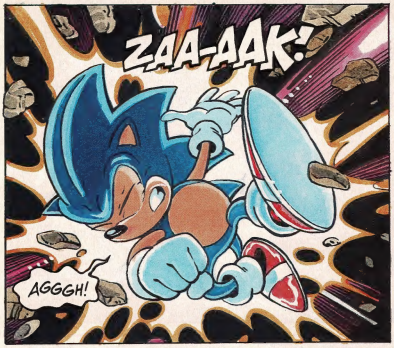

AT LEAST I CAN STILL RELY ON THE CHAOTIX CREW TO...
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
OH, HI SONIC!

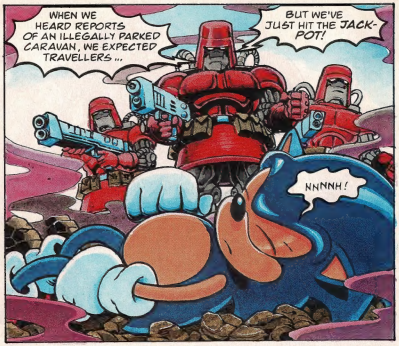

WE HAVE TO GO! WE JUST GOT WORD THAT NACK THE WEASEL HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!
ONE OF THE OTHER INMATES SAID HE HAD A MAP OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE!

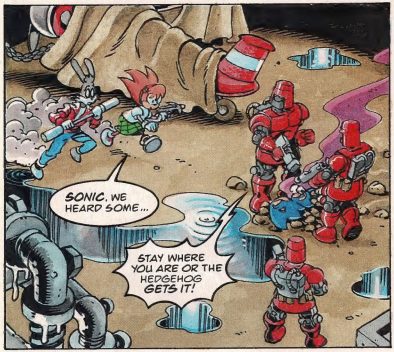
SO WE RECKON HE'S HEADING FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND? YESSIREE-BOB!

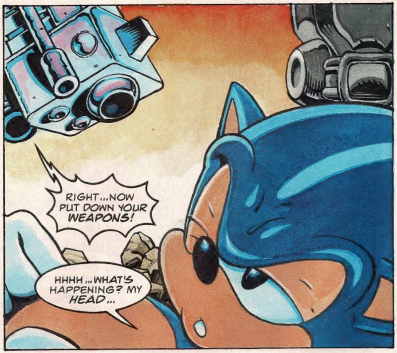

THAT VILLAIN USED TO BE ONE OF THE CREW... IT'S UP TO US TO STOP HIM!

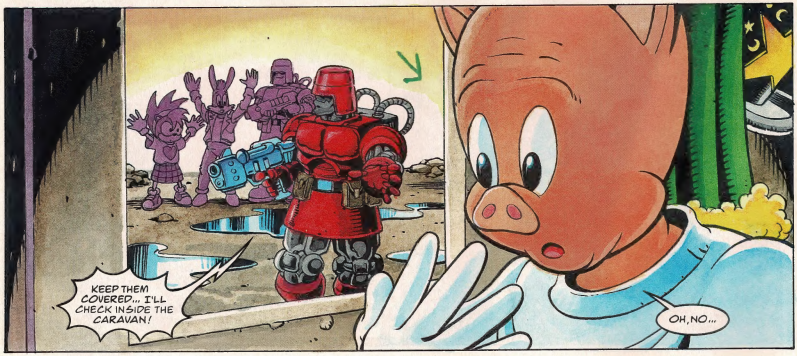

WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
WELL, ISN'T THAT JUST GREAT!
IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CHAOTIX CATCH UP WITH NACK, CHECK OUT THE KNUCKLES KNOCK-OUT SPECIAL! WATCH OUT FOR MORE NEWS... MEGADROID!

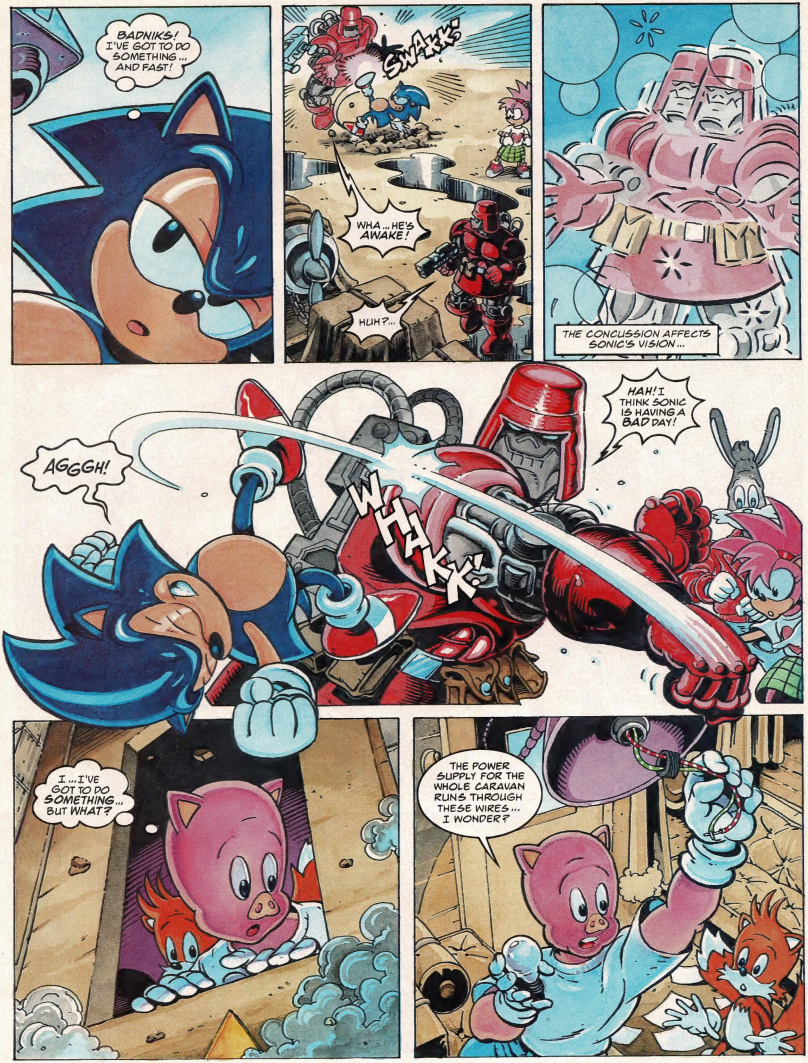

ZAA-AAK!
AGGGH!


WHEN WE HEARD REPORTS OF AN ILLEGALLY PARKED CARAVAN, WE EXPECTED TRAVELLERS...
BUT WE'VE JUST HIT THE JACK-POT!
NNNNH!

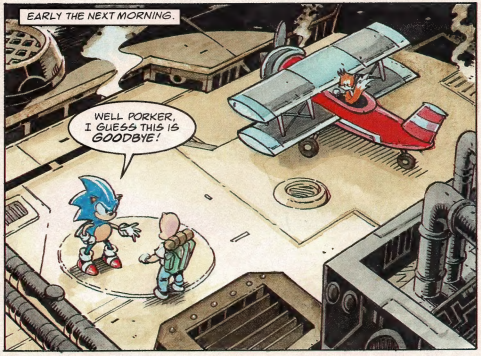

SONIC, WE HEARD SOME...
STAY WHERE YOU ARE OR THE HEDGEHOG GETS IT!


RIGHT...NOW PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS!
HHHH...WHAT'S HAPPENING? MY HEAD...

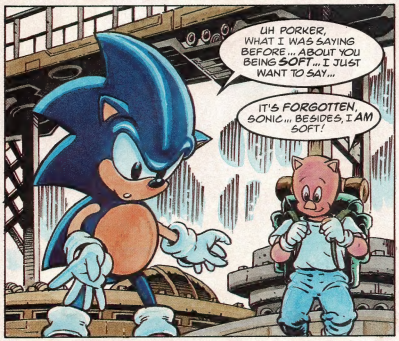

KEEP THEM COVERED... I'LL CHECK INSIDE THE CARAVAN!
OH,NO...

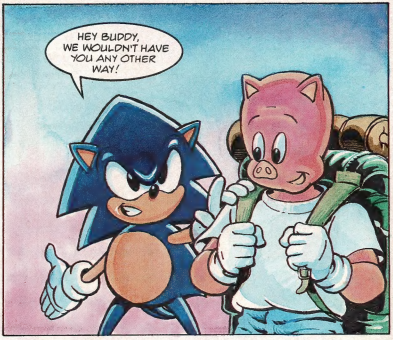

BADNIKS! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... AND FAST!
SWAKK!
WHA...HE'S AWAKE!
HUH?..
THE CONCUSSION AFFECTS SONIC'S VISION...
AGGGH!
WHAKK!
HAH! I THINK SONIC IS HAVING A BAD DAY!
I...I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING... BUT WHAT?
THE POWER SUPPLY FOR THE WHOLE CARAVAN RUNS THROUGH THESE WIRES... I WONDER?

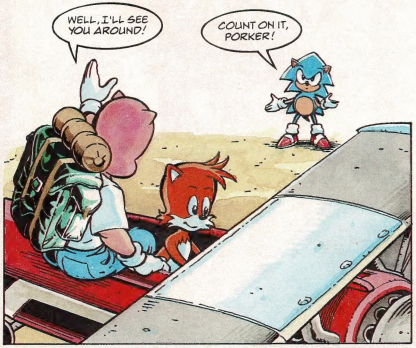
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS TO KNOW THAT WATER CONDUCTS ELECTRICITY...
HERE GOES!
ZZZ
RRRKKKZZAAKKZZAA!
IT WORKED!
PHEW! NICE ONE, PORKER!

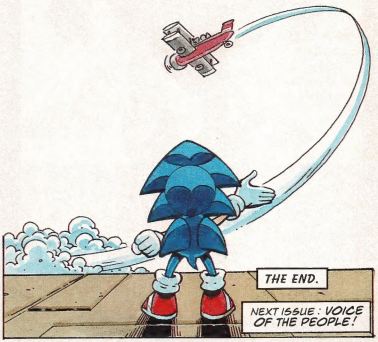

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING.
WELL PORKER, I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE!

I THINK YOU'LL ENJOY LIVING ON THE FLOATING ISLAND... THE EMERALD HILL FOLK HAVE TURNED THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE INTO AN IMPRESSIVE PLACE!
I THINK I WILL TOO, SONIC.


UH PORKER, WHAT I WAS SAYING BEFORE... ABOUT YOU BEING SOFT... I JUST WANT TO SAY...
IT'S FORGOTTEN, SONIC... BESIDES, I AM SOFT!


HEY BUDDY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE YOU ANY OTHER WAY!


WELL, I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!
COUNT ON IT, PORKER!


THE END.
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ST GEORGE'S ZONE

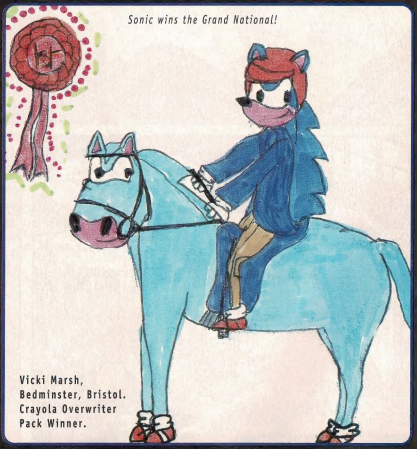
SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

What a talented bunch of Boomers you are. First you gave us the Green Zone for St Patrick's Day, now *STC* selects some eccentrically English tie-ins in time for St George's Day on 23 April.

Tails in shining armour!

Andrew Evans, Batley, W Yorks. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Sonic wins the Grand National!



Vicki Marsh, Bedminster, Bristol. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

An Ec-king-na's ransom!

Glen Porter, N Ireland. GG Owner. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Sonic kops the cup!

Kevin Hogan, Co Tipperary, Ireland. Please send full address details.

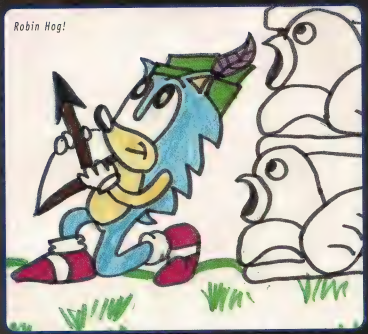
*You can **net** be serious!*

Daniel Hollinshead, Halstead, Essex. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Will those sneakers be allowed in the city?

Matthew Tovey, Merseyside, Liverpool. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Robin Hog!



Dale Watson, Chesterfield. Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

To help you get started, here's a picture of Sonic's right hand. Use it to draw in the rest of his body.

* Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper (avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they don't show up as well when printed).

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KNUCKLES
The GHOST SHIP
Part 3
Design: NIGEL KITCHING
Art: NIGEL KOBRYN
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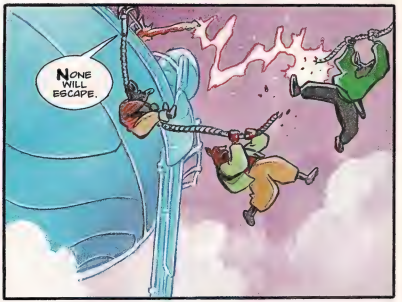
CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S PLANS TO STEAL THE TANTARAGOR IDOL HAVE GONE BADLY WRONG.
NOW THE IDOL'S RIGHTFUL OWNERS HAVE RETURNED.
RESTORE TO US THE IDOL, OR FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!
YOU SAID THIS GHOST SHIP WAS DESERTED, PLUNDER!
JUST WHAT HAVE YOU GOT US INTO, YOU STUPID PIRATE?
WE BE NOT BEATEN YET, NOT BY A LONG CHALK! GET THEM MATES!

YAAAAAA!

YOU CANNOT HARM US. COMPARED TO US YOU ARE INSECTS.

THEY'RE TOO POWERFUL. WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
QUICK. BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND!


NONE WILL ESCAPE.

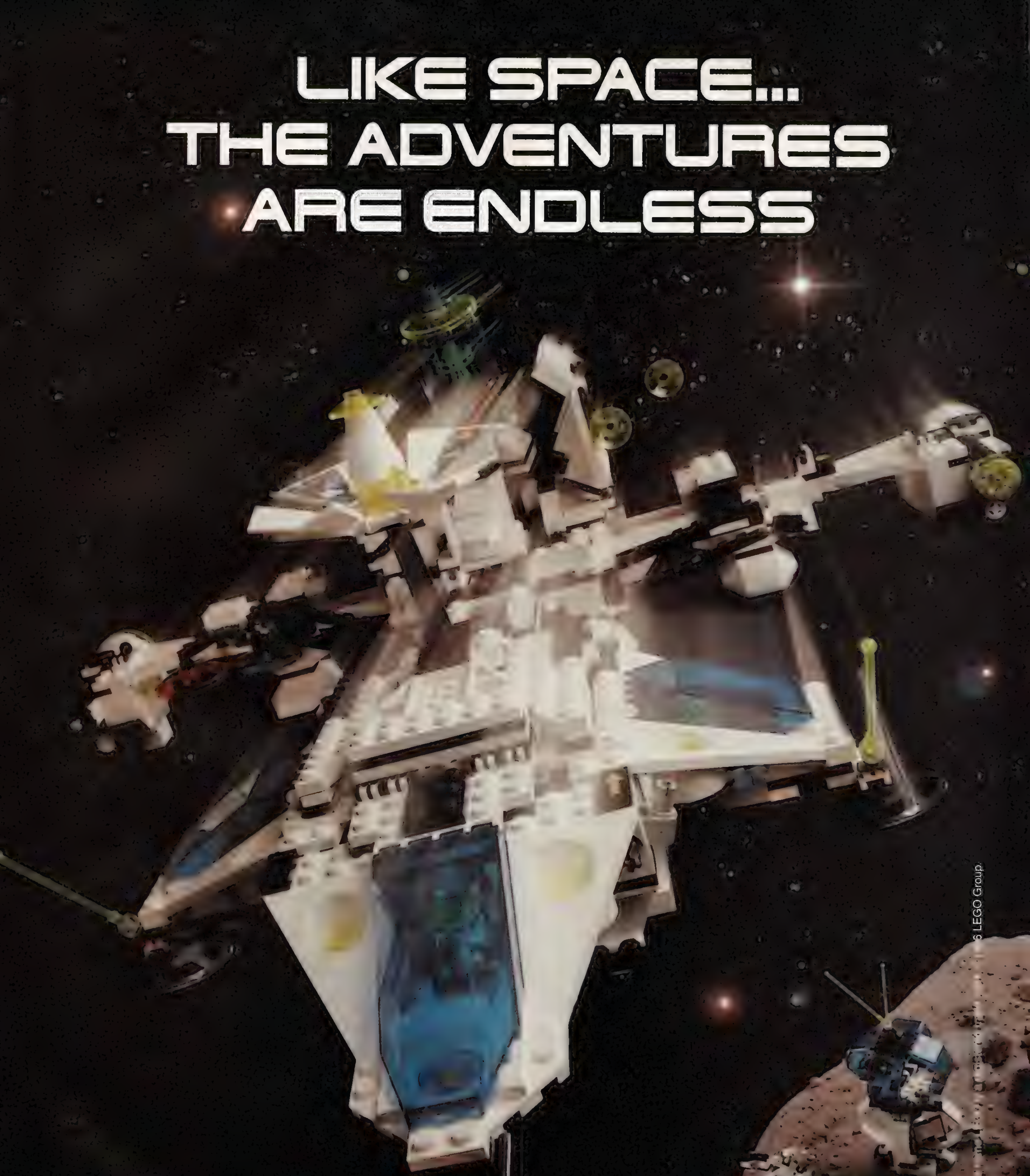
THOSE CREATURES.. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT POWERFUL!
AH, THEY BE THE TANTAROR. NO POINT EVEN TRYING TO FIGHT THOSE MONSTERS!

THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING! NO, I'M TOO CUTE TO DIE!
SHUT YER TRAP, GIMPSON!
DOWN HERE, MATES!
PLUNDER, DO YOU HAVE ANY KIND OF A PLAN?
WELL LAD, I THOUGHT WE MIGHT FIND SOMEWHERE TO HIDE.
I...I DON'T BELIEVE IT! ME EYES BE PLAYIN' TRICKS ON ME!
HUH? WHAT'S ALL THIS... WHAT'RE THESE LOT DOIN' HERE? IT DON'T MAKE SENSE...
IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE, CAPTAIN. THIS SHIP WE'RE ON...IT'S A SLAVE SHIP!

IF THIS IS A REGCUE, YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME! NOTHING CAN SAVE US FROM THESE MONSTERS!
THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT TO GO... IT LOOKS LIKE WE STAND AND FIGHT RIGHT HERE!
WE BE NEEDIN' NO FIGHTIN'. IF I CAN JUIST...
THEY'RE HERE, THEY'RE HERE! OH, FLIPPIN' HECK! WHATAREWEGONNADO?
SHOOOM!
RETURN TO US THE IDOL. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE.

THAT'S IT, BY CRIKEY.. IT'S WORKING!
STAND CLOSE BY ME LADS!
IMPOSSIBLE! THAT PRIMITIVE CREATURE KNOWS HOW TO OPERATE THE IDOL!
FAAAASSH!
HAH! I KNEW I'D FATHOM HOW TO WORK THIS CONTRAPTION!
YOU SEE, KNUCKLES, ME OLD MATE ? THIS IDOL IS A TRANSPORTATION DEVICE! WITH IT I'LL BE THE MOST FEARED PIRATE ON MOBIUS!
SEE? IT BROUGHT US RIGHT HERE!
RIGHT... AND JUST EXACTLY WHERE IS 'HERE'?

LIKE SPACE...
THE ADVENTURES ARE ENDLESS



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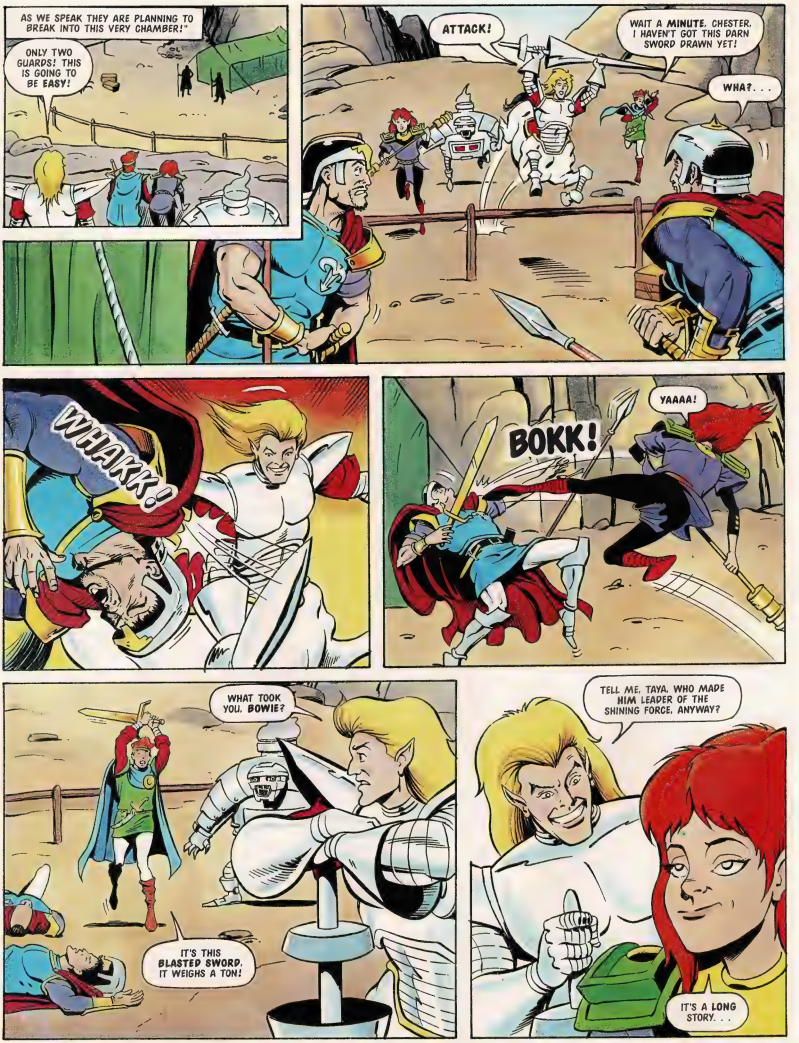
BEHOLD, THE IMAGE OF ZEON!
BEHOLD, OUR MASTER!
SOON I WILL BE FREE FROM MY NEVER-ENDING IMPRISONMENT IN THE ABYSS!
ONCE THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND IS DESTROYED, THE SEAL WHICH HOLDS ME HERE WILL BE BROKEN!
ONLY THESE FOUR KNOW ANYTHING OF OUR PLANS...
THE SHINING FORCE, GUIDED HERE BY THE ESCAPED ROBOT, ZYNK.

Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: MARTIN GRIFFITHS Colouring: GINA HART Lettering: TOM FRAME


AS WE SPEAK THEY ARE PLANNING TO BREAK INTO THIS VERY CHAMBER!"
ONLY TWO GUARDS! THIS IS GOING TO BE EASY!
ATTACK!
WAIT A MINUTE, CHESTER. I HAVEN'T GOT THIS DARN SWORD DRAWN YET!
WHA?. . .
WHAKK!
BOKK!
YAAAA!
WHAT TOOK YOU, BOWIE?
IT'S THIS BLASTED SWORD. IT WEIGHS A TON!
TELL ME, TAYA. WHO MADE HIM LEADER OF THE SHINING FORCE, ANYWAY?
IT'S A LONG STORY. . .

THE SHINING FORCE HAVE ENTERED THE TUNNELS. I HOPE YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THIS, KADAVAAR!
IT IS IN HAND, MASTER.
I HAVE SENT SOME OF MY BEST MEN. THEY ARE ARMED WITH THESE MAGIC WANDS!
THIS ANCIENT SITE IS FILLED WITH MANY DEVICES OF SUCH UNIMAGINABLE POWER!
AND AT THAT VERY MOMENT IN THE NEARBY TUNNELS...
STOP RIGHT THERE!
STAND BACK. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE!
I KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR US TO SPLIT UP...
S...STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
BOWIE. BE CAREFUL. HE'S HOLDING SOMETHING!
HAH! WHAT HARM CAN THAT LITTLE THING DO?
I...I'M WARNING YOU...

BLAAAM!
UH...UH...UH...
THWAKK!
AGGH!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, TAYA?
I DON'T KNOW... I'VE NEVER SEEN A WOUND LIKE THIS BEFORE... I JUST HOPE MY HEALING POWERS CAN HELP!
NNNNH...
LOOK AT THIS! THAT THING THE ZEONITE WAS HOLDING SHOOTS OUT SMALL PIECES OF METAL!
CAN YOU SAVE HIM?
THE WOUND IS VERY DEEP, CHESTER. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO!

I GROW IMPATIENT, KADAVAAR! YOU SAID YOU HAD DISCOVERED ANCIENT SORCERY POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE TOWER!
I HAVE, MASTER. I PROMISE YOU...
GOOD! THEN I SHALL NOT CONTACT YOU IN THIS MANNER AGAIN. THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU I SHALL BE FREE!
FREE TO TAKE REVENGE ON ALL MY ENEMIES!
THIS MYSTICAL DEVICE OF YOURS HAD BETTER WORK, KADAVAAR!
IT CANNOT FAIL! I TRANSLATED THE TEXTS PERSONALLY. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE MOST POWERFUL SORCERY OF THE ANCIENTS!
"AS WE SPEAK MY ACOLYTES ARE SECRETLY AT WORK IN THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND."
"SOON THEY WILL HAVE PREPARED THE ANCIENT SORCERY..."
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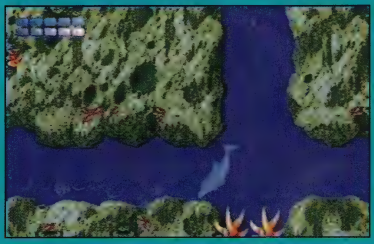
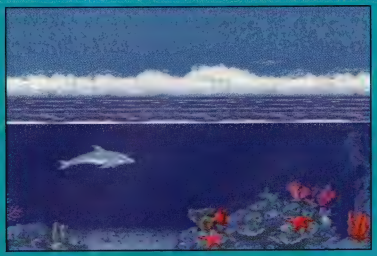


CLASSIC GAMES TIPS REVISITED

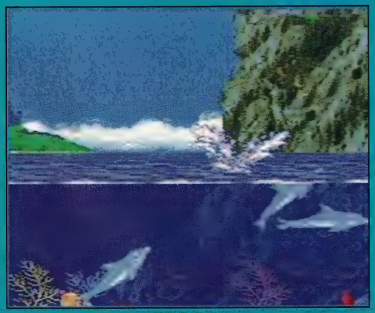
The codes and cheats listed below are guaranteed to be accurate. Pay attention when entering them and you will get the most from Ecco's aquatic antics!

So, to name just a few fin fans: **Ian Jackson** from **Teignmouth**, **Christopher Coulstock** from **South Glamorgan**, **Karen Mayes** from **Kent**, **Andrew Chan** from **Cambridge** and **Luke Ruby** from **Devon**, here's what you want to know about the original **Ecco** game.

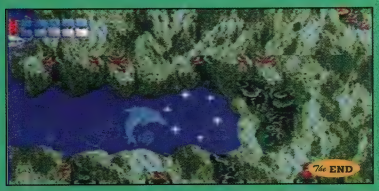
A top tip is to bear in mind that the Ecco game is a puzzle solving adventure (as is Ecco: The Tides of Time). If there is something on a level that you have never seen before, such as a swimming turtle, odds are that you will require it to solve a puzzle and move on to the next stage. Look around and use your resources. Also, always use your **Echolocation** if you cannot find something. Go to each corner of the screen and map away!



LEVEL	NAME	PASSWORDS
1.	The Undercaves	WEFIDNMP
2.	The Undercaves 2	DQDIACCI
3.	The Vents	YFPALFBJ
4.	The Lagoon	QNIELFBG
5.	Ridge Water	TWLDVRET
6.	Open Ocean	FSSOVRET
7.	Ice Zone	RYUEYREG
8.	Hard Water	NIFBYREU
9.	Cold Water	ARNXXRET
10.	Island Zone	HUABVRES
11.	Deep Water	EGTHVREA



LEVEL	NAME	PASSWORDS
12.	The Marble Sea	CWRLXRES
13.	The Library	FCNPXREB
14.	Deep City	BTFIXREZ
15.	City of Forever	PAYUXREZ
16.	Jurassic Beach	QQZTAPER
17.	Pterandon Pond	EITXAPEV
18.	Origin Beach	UTQBBPEY
19.	Trilobite Circle	YZNGBPEK
20.	Dark Water	JBNKBPEB
21.	Deep Water	WSGAKNLC
22.	City of Forever	RLGLGPLZ
23.	The Tube	GCNHKMLJ
24.	The Machine	DKUDKMLR
25.	The Last Fight	KTPMLMLM



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TAILS!
Script: LEW STRINGER
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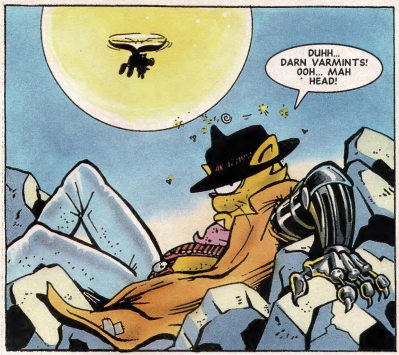
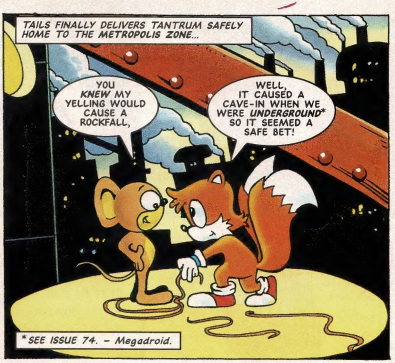
FOX ON THE RUN
part 4
YOU CRITTERS SURE WILL FETCH ME A BIG REE-WARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! 'SPECIALLY YOU, FOX! HYUK,
YEAH! YOU'RE EXPECTING ROBOTNIK TO HONOUR HIS DEBTS THEN, FLEABYTE?
WATCH WHUT YUH SAY ABOUT OUR GLORIOUS RULER, VARMINT! AIN'T NOBODY FAIRER THAN THE GOOD DOC AN' THAT'S A FACT!
I WONDERED IF I'D MEET ANYONE STUPID ENOUGH TO BELIEVE ROBOTNIK'S SIDE OF THE STORY!
SOB! WE'RE NOT GONNA GET OUT OF THIS ONE ARE WE, TAILS?
ERM... I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING, TANTRUM!
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS... TANTRUM IS DEPENDING ON ME!

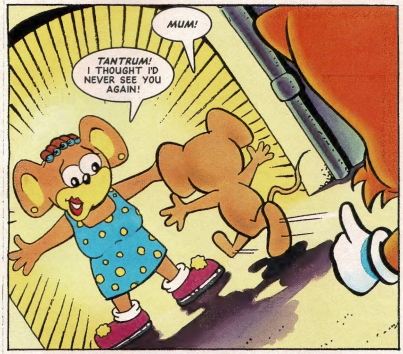
C'MON! ANOTHER FEW MILES AN' I CAN HAND YUH IN FER A *FAT REWARD!* HYUK, HYUK!
IF YOU WERE A *PROPER* BOUNTY HUNTER YOUD HAVE A *HORSE!* OW! OUCH!
DRAG!
SHUT YUH SQUEAKIN', RODENT! I'LL BUY *LOTS* OF HORSES WHEN AH GETS THE MONEY FER *YOU TWO!* HYUK!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
YOU MAY HAVE TIED MY ARMS AND LEGS, BUT YOU FORGOT ABOUT *MY TAILS,* DUMBO!
WHU-? *COME BACK HERE, FOX!*
LET'S SEE HOW *YOU* LIKE BEING PULLED ALONG, FLEABYTE!
WHOOAA!
DARN VARMINT! I'LL BLAST YUH OUTTA THE SKY!

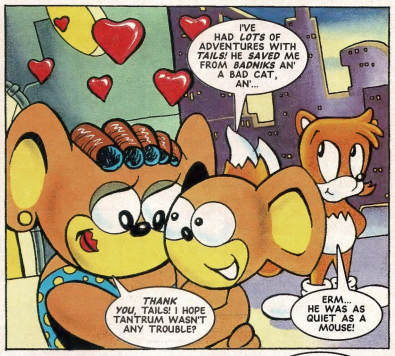
YIPES!
ZZZANNG!
DARN! I'LL GET YUH NEXT TIME!
DON'T THINK THERE'LL BE A SECOND CHANCE, CREEP! YOU JUST SHOT THROUGH THE ROPES!
AAAIIIEE!
IT AIN'T OVER YET, OUTLAW! US CAT'S HAVE A KNACK OF LANDIN' ON OUR FEET! HYUK, HYUK!
AH KIN STILL TAKE ONE PRISONER!
GULP!
TANTRUM! RUN! – ER... MAYBE YOU COULD HOP?
BACK OFF, FOX, – OR THE MOUSE GET'S ONE GRANDPAPPY OF A HEADACHE!
SQUEAK!

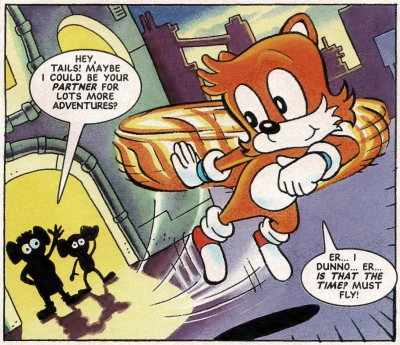
D- DON'T DO ANYTHING HASTY, FLEABYTE!
HYUK, HYUK! SURRENDER, OUTLAW, OR AH'M PULLIN' THE TRIGGER!
IF I HADN'T BEEN SO SELFISH, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOT US INTO THIS! GO, TAILS. SAVE YOURSELF!
I'M NOT LEAVING NOW, LITTLE BUDDY!
TANTRUM, REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO SCREAM WHEN YOU WERE IN TROUBLE? THAT MIGHT HELP US RIGHT NOW!
I DON'T GET IT, TAILS, BUT HERE GOES!
HAAAHHH!
STOP YUH WAILIN', YUH – WUSSAT?
RRUMBLE!
YUH PESKY RODENT! YUH WAILIN' CAUSED A ROCKFALL! UGGH!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TANTRUM!
RRUMBLE!

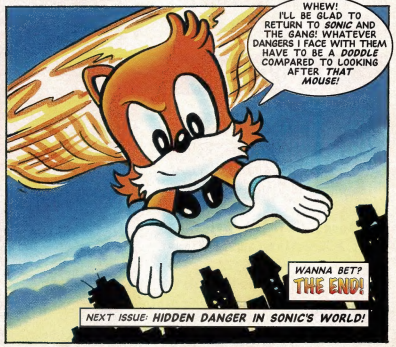

DUHH... DARN VARMINTS! OOH... MAH HEAD!


TAILS FINALLY DELIVERS TANTRUM SAFELY HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE...
YOU KNEW MY YELLING WOULD CAUSE A ROCKFALL,
WELL, IT CAUSED A CAVE-IN WHEN WE WERE UNDERGROUND* SO IT SEEMED A SAFE BET!
* SEE ISSUE 74. – Megadroid.


MUM!
TANTRUM! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!


I'VE HAD LOTS OF ADVENTURES WITH TAILS! HE SAVED ME FROM BADNIKS AN' A BAD CAT, AN'...
THANK YOU, TAILS! I HOPE TANTRUM WASN'T ANY TROUBLE?
ERM... HE WAS AS QUIET AS A MOUSE!


HEY, TAILS! MAYBE I COULD BE YOUR PARTNER FOR LOTS MORE ADVENTURES?
ER... I DUNNO... ER... IS THAT THE TIME? MUST FLY!


WHEW! I'LL BE GLAD TO RETURN TO SONIC AND THE GANG! WHATEVER DANGERS I FACE WITH THEM HAVE TO BE A DOODLE COMPARED TO LOOKING AFTER THAT MOUSE!
WANNA BET?
THE END!
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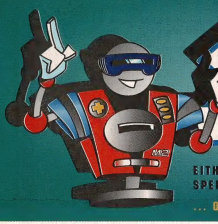

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The pressure's too much for Porker!

Yvonne Waddell, Glasgow, Scotland.
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DOG GONE!

Dear Megadroid,

STC 72's scratch 'n' sniff sticker was terrible! My dog took one whiff and ran off faster than Sonic and Knuckles put together!

Karl Jones, Gwynedd, Wales.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

In this case, Karl, I'm glad I only have a sense of humour, and not a sense of smell!

TIGHT FISTED KNUCKLES!

Dear Megadroid,

Please could you tell me Knuckles' surname, age and birthplace as I am the tax collector for the Floating Island, and it seems to me that he needs to pay his bills!

The Tax Inspector (Adam Hodgson),
Twickenham, Middlesex.
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Not even an echidna escapes paying tax, eh?

GRUESOME TWOSOME!

Dear Megadroid,

I would like Sega to make a fighting game starring Porker and Johnny as I think they're both under used. They could both use big poles as their weapons.

Jason Francis, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.
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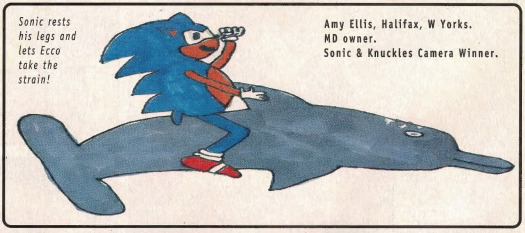
Don't you think they're given enough stick already, Jason!



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